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PATENT 1201.1001 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re Application of: Klaus Hoffman Group Art Unit: 3683 ) Application Serial No.: 10/542,812 Filing Date: July 20, 2005 Examiner: Thomas J. Williams FOR: CLAMPING AND/OR BRAKING Confirmation No.: 5741 DEVICE Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 20, 2007, in the above-identified application, and is filed within the three-month shortened statutory period for response set in the Final Office Action. The amendments included with this response are submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1,116 to place the case in condition for allowance. Please amend the application as follows: